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Measures have been taken recently to limit the use of fuels in Bulgaria.*
These measures include:

- a. All trucks with a load capacity of one ton or less and with 40 horsepower or less and all light vehicles with the exception of those indicated below no longer have the right to operate:
 - 1) The right of operation for 50 percent of the taxis has been suspended in localities where the number of taxis is in excess of one. Taxis will not be permitted to go outside certain limits prescribed by the Council of Ministers.
 - 2) Free circulation will remain in effect for ambulances, vehicles assigned to construction establishments and workshops, and cars assigned to and used by Soviet specialists.
- b. The quality of the fuels allowed will be reduced 15 percent to 20 percent for trucks and 15 percent for buses.
- c. The use of trailers and gas-operated generators is recommended.
- d. The Ministries of the Interior, Defense, and Public Works (for the labor troops) have been requested to study the economies of their respective transportation systems.
- e. Trips, pleasure rides, and movements for whatever objective, if they are not to the advantage of the country's economy, have been forbidden.
- f. A new sticker authorizing free circulation has been adopted. Provisions have been made to confiscate all vehicles driven in non-compliance with the above regulations.
- g. A declaration of the amount of fuel on hand has been made mandatory.

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